

General Service in Malang, September 01, 2025 (Sunday Morning)

Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 4:12

4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

There are two kinds of preaching the Word of God or spiritual food as follows:

1. The Gospel of Salvation, Gospel Word, or Good News.

Ephesians 1:13

1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Proverbs 25:25

25:25 As cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a far country.

It refers to the Word that preaches Jesus' first coming to the world as the only sinless Man who must die on the cross for saving the sinful men.

The signs of salvation are as follows:

- Having faith or believing Jesus as the only Savior.
- Repenting or being dead to sin.
- Being baptized of water and Holy Spirit or being renewed of water and Holy Spirit that results in the new life or righteous one.

As a result, we are saved and blessed by God.

2. The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword, or the Bride Tidings.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Matthew 25:6

25:6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'"

It refers to the Word that preaches Jesus' second coming to the world in the glory as the King of kings or the Heavenly Bridegroom for sanctifying the people who have been saved to be as perfect as Jesus is or the heavenly bride to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb or the spiritual perfect marriage between Christ and the congregation.

Marriage is an important thing. Why?

- Because the physical marriage is the entrance for us to the world.
- Because the spiritual marriage is our exit from the world to the heavenly kingdom.

Matthew 22:14

22:14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

Matthew 22:1-14 refers to the parable of the marriage supper. It means that many people are called to enter the physical marriage, but only few can reach the spiritual marriage because there are many marriages that are destroyed until being unable to enter the Marriage supper of the Lamb or being left behind when Jesus comes a second time and perishing forever.

Therefore, we must hear and obey the true teaching Word or the Bride Tidings for entering the marriage that can please God or keep the marriage until it is perfect.

The Bride Tidings is the only news that can bring the physical marriage to the spiritual one.

1. **The Bride Tidings gives us the enough budget, without any lack.**

Luke14:28-30

14:28 *"For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it --*

14:29 *"lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,*

14:30 *"saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'*

The marriage of Christian is the same as building the tower. It has the connection with heavens. It is more than building the common household like the people in the world do. The marriage of Christian must have the connection with heavens until bringing us to enter the heavenly kingdom.

Matthew16:18

16:18 *"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*

The budget or cost of the marriage or household up to the edification of Christ's body is the rock. It means as follows:

- The redemption by the precious blood of Jesus.

1 Corinthians10:4

10:4 *and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.*

Psalms19:15

19:15 *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.*

1 Peter1:18-19

1:18 *knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,*

1:19 *but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

Therefore, the husband and wife must get the redemption by the blood of Jesus from their own sins and the sins that are related to the tradition that is about salvation, as well as the heritage sins from the fathers.

- Shepherding.

Genesis49:24

49:24 *But his bow remained in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong By the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob (From there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel),*

We must be shepherded to one true teaching Word or Jesus Himself like a branch that abides in the true Vine. We always dwell in the shepherding pen or have the perseverance in committing the three main services to God.

The pastor must be responsible to give the double food, namely the Gospel Word and the teaching Word. The sheep must dwell in the shepherding pen for consuming the double shepherding Word.

Why do we have to be shepherded?

In the shepherding, we get the protection, so we are not pounced by the beast.

We get the intensive sanctification by the shepherding Word.

Acts20:28, 32-33, 35

20:28 *"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.*

20:32 *"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.*

20:33 *"I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.*

20:35 *"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

The shepherding Word refers to the Word of God's grace so that we are sanctified. The sword of the Word pierces

up to the the heart that hides the following things:

- The evil lusts or the love of money, namely stinginess or one cannot give to the work of God and others who are in need as well as greediness or one steals the possession of God and others. We are sanctified until we can feel more blessed to give than to receive.
- The sins of uncleanness, namely the ones concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.
- The bitterness of heart, namely envy or hatred without a cause.

The results of being shepherded are as follows:

- We are preserved by God in the midst of the difficulties in the world.
- We can testify.
- We are guided to the beautiful successful future life until entering the New Jerusalem.

2. The Bride Tidings gives us strong commitment to keep the salt salty.

Luke14:34-35

14:34 "Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?"

14:35 "It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Do not become the tasteless salt or the pillar of salt that has no use. The salt refers to the matter of our conscience. The tasteless salt refers to losing heart as follows:

- Easily getting disappointed or hopeless and leaving God or the true teaching Word. There is no endurance or immunity, so one gets the spiritual AIDS until the sins easily enter his life.
- The life is not comfortable, but weary, heavy-laden, and sorrowful.
- Being rotten because of being attacked by the worms, viruses, or bacteria of sins.

The life is in the darkness and falls in sins until he cannot enter the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Mark9:50

9:50 "Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."

The salty salt refers to the gentle heart loving to make peace.

We live in the light, beauty, and joy and become the witness of God until we become the light of the world or perfect like Jesus.

Revelation12:1

12:1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

3. The Bride Tidings brings us to struggle always or make war against the enemy.

Luke14:31

14:31 "Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?"

The purpose of the attack of the enemy is to scatter the marriage and destroy it until being dead or perishing.

There are two kinds of enemy as follows:

- From outside, there is the trinity of Satan with sins and false teachings.
- From inside, there is the flesh with the self-truth or the hard heart that always feels right.

The greatest temptation in the marriage is when the marriage does not become one.
The purpose of getting married is to be one flesh. As a result, the love of God is poured.

Romans 8:35-37

8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

8:36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

8:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

God's love gives us extra power in facing all things, so we are not disappointed and hopeless as well as do not leave God.
God's love gives us extra power to defeat the stronger enemies. God makes war instead of us to finish all sins and impossible problems.

Colossians 3:14

3:14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

The love of God changes us until we become perfect.

God blesses you.